Merit of Medicines for permission

1793. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Drug Control Authority ensures that a particular medicine is hazardous or banned in developed countries, before permitting its production and sale in the market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of medicines examined from this angle and banned during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b). Yes. Before permitting introduction of a new drug in the country, information regarding the status of the drug in developed countries, i.e., banned|withdrawn are taken into consideration.

(c) Although applications of the following new drugs were received for marketing permission, they were not approved for marketing on the ground that these drugs were banned in some of the developed countries:—

1. Triazolam
2. Alolofenac
3. Chlormadinon
4. Tienilic Acid
5. Benexaprofen.
6. Zimeldine
7. Indoprofen
8. Feprazone
9. Nitrofazole
10. Zomepimac
11. Molsidamine
12. Nomifensine
13. Fencamfamin
14. Suprofen

Air-India Flights to South East Asia

1794. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has started more flights to South East Asia recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As against the earlier four flights per week, effective 2nd January, 1987 Air India has started operating a total of nine flights per week to/through Singapore.

Master Plan for ports

1795. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any master Plan for Ports in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The master Plans for the Ports are prepared by the respective Port Trusts, keeping in view the projected requirements for future.

Site for Meerut Airport

1796. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that site acquired for the construction of proposed airport in Meerut district of U.P. has been found to be in a birdhit prone area and otherwise also unsuitable for take off and landing; and

(b) if so, whether Government have selected any other alternate site for the airport?